



*WHEREAS, Colorado has experienced the physical and emotional consequences – suffering damage to property and loss of life – caused by severe winter weather; and*

*WHEREAS, avalanches in Colorado have claimed the lives of hundreds of individuals over the past several decades – more than in any other state; and*

*WHEREAS, the leading causes of death associated with winter weather are hypothermia, exhaustion, and automobile accidents; and*

*WHEREAS, severe winter weather causes millions of dollars in damages and recovery operations; and*

*WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is a responsibility of government that depends on the leadership of elected officials and the efforts of informed citizens, volunteers, and government employees; and*

*WHEREAS, experience has demonstrated that an informed and prepared citizenry and organized disaster emergency teams can help the public to better cope with and survive the effects of winter weather;*

*Therefore, I, John Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim October 23-29, 2011,*

### **WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this eleventh day of October, 2011*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Hickenlooper".

*John Hickenlooper  
Governor*

